

April 27, 2004

**NOTICE TO OPERATORS**  
Concerning  
APD Extensions and Permit Transfers  
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The Division will no longer issue more than two drilling permit extensions beyond the original approval, for wells to be drilled on State or Private leases. This means that if a well is not drilled within three years of the original approval date, filing of a new APD will be necessary. Experience has shown that after this length of time, the information in the original application is most likely out dated and should be re-submitted to avoid unnecessary problems and conflicts. Permit extensions on federal and Indian leases will be coordinated with the BLM to avoid conflicts.

Also, operators requesting to transfer permits or pending applications to new owners will be asked to sign a Request to Transfer Application or Permit to Drill form and acknowledge their acceptance of the permit or application procedures and conditions. If the new company is not willing to acknowledge and accept the permits or applications as they are, they should be either amended or resubmitted.